



Memorandum

To: County Chairmen
From: Michael Sullivan, Deputy Executive Director TNGOP
Date: December 11th, 2014
Subject: County Party Reorganizations

In preparation for the upcoming county party reorganizations, the Tennessee Republican Party would like to ensure our county parties have all the necessary information and details to properly reorganize. As a reminder the State Party always has been, and will continue to be, a resource for our county parties through the entire reorganization process. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 615-269-4260.

Successful County Parties make for a strong Tennessee Republican Party and our collective mission is laid out in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws and Rules of the Tennessee Republican Party: "County Parties shall exist to promote Republican ideals, values, Republican elected officials across Tennessee while, at the same time, helping Republican nominees defeat Democrats in general elections."

Per the Bylaws of the Tennessee Republican Party, "If any County Party desires to use a method of reorganization differing from these Rules, its County Chairman and Secretary shall, by January 1 of any odd-numbered year, certify to the State Chairman in writing its proposed reorganization rules, which are subject to approval or disapproval by the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws and Rules Subcommittee before the beginning of the County Party's reorganization process."

As a reminder, the period in time for which a county party can, and must, reorganize is between January 15th and April 15th, 2015.

Counties with a population of at least 100,000 people must hold a precinct convention and a delegated county convention. Precinct conventions must be held at least 10 days prior to the delegated county convention. A county however, may submit a request to

hold both the precinct and delegated conventions on the same day to the Bylaws and Rules subcommittee of the State Executive Committee for approval by January 1st.

Counties with a population under 100,000 people shall hold a mass county convention. These counties may also choose to hold a precinct convention and a delegated county convention if they so choose. Precinct conventions must be held at least 10 days prior to the delegated county convention. A county however, may submit a request to hold both the precinct and delegated conventions on the same day to the Bylaws and Rules subcommittee of the State Executive Committee for approval by January 1st.

All county party chairmen must call for a meeting of their executive committee, at which a quorum must be present, before or on January 15th to do the following:

- Set a date, time, and location for reorganization convention(s) between January 15th and April 15th, 2015
- Appoint a parliamentarian for the reorganization
- Appoint five (5) bona fide Republicans from five (5) separate precincts in the county to serve on the Contest and Credentials Committee. Details of this committee's duties and responsibilities are attached

All members of the county party's executive committee must receive written notice (emails do count) of this meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Therefore no meeting of the county party executive committee to set the date, time, and place can occur after January 30th.

At least ten (10) days prior to a county party's reorganization convention(s) an advertisement/classified notice listing the date, time, place, chairman of the Contest and Credentials Committee, and an address at which contests may be sent, must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation in that county.

Again, please feel free to contact the Tennessee Republican Party with any questions or concerns that you may have.